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MONDAY EVENING.

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ITALY EXPECTED
TO DECLARE FOR
CONFLICT TODAY

First Formal Meeting of Cabinet Since Ministerial Crisis.

Retention of Salandra Vindication of His Policy.

OUTBURST OF PATRIOTIC JOY

Monster Demonstration of Approval in Rome.

War Spirit Fanned by Women's Revolution at Trieste.

Rome, May 17.—Developments of the utmost importance are expected today in the affairs of Italy. Premier Salandra has called the first formal meeting of his cabinet to be held since the passing of the ministerial crisis which resulted in his remaining in power with a virtual vindication of his foreign policy.

It is considered highly probable that a definite decision for peace or war may be reached.

The tension has been intensified by reported clashes between Austrian and Italian frontier guards. The temper of the Italian people has been more highly inflamed by dispatches telling of a "women's revolution" at Trieste.

Great Ovation of Salandra. Official confirmation of the report that the Salandra cabinet would remain in power was greeted by one of the most remarkable demonstrations of approval ever witnessed in Rome. A crowd estimated at 200,000 gathered in the Popolo square, at the foot of the Pincian hill, the slope and summit of which were thronged with representatives of the most aristocratic families in the capital. Society women, wearing the tri-color of Italy, waved flags and handkerchiefs as they joined in the cheers for Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino, while bands played patriotic airs.

To the Garibaldian veterans in the crush it seemed that the stirring days of the war of independence had re-

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TO A HIGHER COURT

Fred Robertson Will Appeal From Judge Pollock's Decision

In a Liquor Case From Cherokee County.

Whether or not persons making illegal interstate liquor shipments can be prosecuted in the state to which the liquor is destined as well as in the state from where it was shipped is a question which will be placed before the United States supreme court by Fred Robertson, United States district attorney, for an opinion handed down by Judge Pollock deciding the question in the negative.

The question is a result of the federal case against F. W. Potts and Joe Freeman, indicted November 9 by a Kansas grand jury on a charge of shipping six trunks of liquor—not labeled—from Joplin, Mo., to Columbus, Kan. Freeman filed a motion to quash the indictment, his contention being that such an offense could only be prosecuted in Missouri, or the place from where the goods were consigned. Judge Pollock upheld his contentions.

The case will be appealed by Fred Robertson.

FIRE ON JAPANESE SHIP

Wireless Gives No Details of Flames' Work on Chiyo Maru.

Tokio, May 17.—A wireless message received from the steamship Mongolia says a fire occurred on the steamer Chiyo Maru Sunday night. No details were given. The Chiyo Maru is due at Yokohama tomorrow. The Mongolia sailed from San Francisco yesterday. The owners of the Chiyo Maru deny the report.

The Chiyo Maru is owned by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha of Yokohama and is a vessel of 7,253 tons. She sailed from San Francisco May 1 and from Honolulu May 7, on her way to Yokohama and Hong Kong.

ARGUE RATES JUNE 22

Commerce Board Sets Date for Oral Battle Over Advance.

Washington, May 17.—Oral arguments on the western freight rate advance case was set for June 22, in an order today by the interstate commerce commission.

The commission also authorized the filing of opening briefs by all parties concerned not later than June 10 and reply brief not later than June 20.

COST OF TORPEDOES. London, May 17.—The torpedoes now being used in the British navy cost from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to construct, according to a naval expert. Even the newest British torpedoes are less expensive than those used by the latest German submarines, which have a diameter of 21 inches, and travel at a speed of 48 knots an hour, having an effective range of seven miles. The internal mechanism includes a high speed rotating engine, shafts and gears, and 250 pounds of high explosive.

TRANSYLVANIA IS SAFE

Cunarder to Minimize Danger Diverts Course, Going to Greenock.

Liverpool, May 17.—The Cunard line steamship, Transylvania, arrived safely at Greenock, Scotland, at 3 o'clock this morning.

When the vessel sailed from New



Captain John Black of the liner Transylvania.

York, this city was supposed to be her destination, but her course was changed to minimize the danger of passing through the German "war zone."

Proceeds to Glasgow. London, May 17.—A telegram from Greenock to the Exchange Telegraph says the Transylvania has left that port to proceed to Glasgow.

CALAIS IN AIR RAID

Zeppelin Drops Bombs in Many Sections of City.

Two Children Are Killed and Woman Is Wounded.

Calais, France, May 17. (via Paris.)—A Zeppelin airship coming from the channel flew over Calais last night. It dropped bombs on various quarters of the city, killing two children and wounding one woman. The property damage was slight.

After its raid the Zeppelin sailed toward the sea.

Battle With Dirigible.

London, May 17.—Announcement was made at the admiralty today that the German dirigible which raided Ramsgate early this morning, dropping forty bombs and injuring three persons, had been pursued and apparently damaged seriously. The statement follows:

"The Zeppelin that attacked Ramsgate early this morning was chased off by East Church and Westgate machines as far as the West Hind lightship.

"When off Nieuport (Belgium) she was attacked by eight naval machines from Dunkirk. Three machines were able to attack her at close range fire. Flight Commander Bigsworth dropped four bombs when 200 feet above the airship. A large column of smoke was seen to come out of one of her compartments.

"The Zeppelin then rose to a great height—11,000 feet—with her tail down and she is believed to be severely damaged.

"All our machines were exposed to a heavy fire from the Zeppelin. There were no casualties."

LIGHT FROST HERE.

Not Enough to Do Any Damage to Vegetation.

Temperatures were low in all parts of Kansas this morning and a light frost was recorded at Topeka—too light to damage crops.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy weather with the likelihood of showers tonight or Tuesday. There were a few light scattered showers in the state in the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning. A rise in temperature is expected.

The minimum temperature at Topeka this morning—5:30 o'clock—was 41 degrees, or 14 degrees below normal for this date. The record for this date in the last 25 years is 39 degrees in 1895.

The temperature today was of the near March variety—16 degrees below normal. The wind was eight miles an hour from the northwest this afternoon. The sky was partially overcast.

The hourly readings:

7 o'clock.....48	11 o'clock.....56
8 o'clock.....51	12 o'clock.....58
9 o'clock.....53	1 o'clock.....59
10 o'clock.....55	2 o'clock.....59

HIGH COURT RECESSES

Supreme Judge Not to Announce Opinions Until June 1.

Washington, May 17.—The supreme court today recessed until Tuesday, June 1, when opinions will be announced.

Notice was given that the court will recess from June 1 to June 14, and then to June 21, on which date it will adjourn until next October.

BRITISH SHIPPING HARD HIT BY GERMAN NAVY. London, May 17.—Thomas J. McNamara, parliamentary secretary of the admiralty, announced in the house today that 460,628 tons of British shipping other than warships, had been sunk or captured by the German navy since the outbreak of the war.

WILSON PRAISES
AMERICAN NAVY

Says We Need Immense Fleet to "Express Character."

President Is Cheered to Echo in New York Address.

GREAT ARMADA IN REVIEW

Executive Sees Glittering Parade of Sailors and Marines.

Sixty-Four Battleships in Line, Ready for Maneuvers.

New York, May 17.—President Wilson delivered a patriotic address on the American flag and the protection it carries for Americans, at a luncheon given today in his honor by the New York Citizens' committee for the reception of the Atlantic fleet.

When the president arose to speak soon after reviewing the parade of sailors and marines from the fleet, he was enthusiastically cheered. Five hundred army and naval officers and other guests jumped to their feet and applauded. All the officers were in full dress uniform. Alton B. Parker, Jacob Schiff, Joseph H. Choate, August Belmont and many other prominent New Yorkers were among those present.

Deep Interest in Navy. Acting Mayor George McAneny introduced the president, who declared the luncheon was not the occasion at which it was for him to make an extended address. He said he had al-

ready been to the navy. The president, who will serve as general manager in the exhibition, said that with the co-operation of the citizens of Topeka and Shawnee county the exposition will be by far the greatest fair ever held in the state, and one that will compare favorably with the big ex-

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SPEED DEMONS
AT TOPEKA FAIR

Automobile and Motorcycle Races a Feature This Fall.

Best Known Racers in Country Coming Here.

TAX LEVY ASSURES SUCCESS

Greatest Exposition in History of Kansas Sept. 13-18.

Miss Loula Long of Kansas City With Horses.

Automobile races in which leading speed demons of the country will dash around the half-mile track in death-daring style, fast horse races, a night horse show in which the best horses of the land, including Miss Loula Long's beauties will participate, plenty of good band music, and possibly motorcycle races, are features being planned for the State Fair, Topeka, September 13-18.

The details have not been worked out, but Samuel E. Lux, president of the Kansas State Fair association, who will serve as general manager in the exhibition, said that with the co-operation of the citizens of Topeka and Shawnee county the exposition will be by far the greatest fair ever held in the state, and one that will compare favorably with the big ex-

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BANDITS RAID BANK

Three Masked Men Take \$1,000 From Oklahoma House.

Unarmed Men in Flight, Pursued by Posse.

Burbank, Okla., May 17.—The Farmers' State bank of this city was held up at noon today by three masked men, who took \$1,000 in currency.

Immediately after the robbery, which was effected without violence, posses were organized. The men were last seen west of town and as they were unmounted, their capture is expected this afternoon.

J. R. Yount, president, was in the bank at the time of the raid.

Burbank is ten miles from Kaw City, in the Osage Nation country. Kaw City experienced a daylight bank robbery about two weeks ago.

Governor Williams was notified of the Burbank robbery by W. B. Harrison, secretary of the Oklahoma Bankers' association, and at once authorized Mr. Harrison to announce a reward of \$200 for the capture of the robbers.

Japanese Diet Special Meeting. Tokyo, Japan, May 17.—An extra session of the Diet began here today. It is expected the session will continue three weeks.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Partly cloudy with probably local rains tonight or Tuesday; warmer Tuesday.

BAGPIPE CRAZE. London, April 28 (By Mail to New York).—For the first time in history, Scottish bagpipe factories are working night and day, according to word from Glasgow. It is not only the Scottish regiments that march to the battlefields behind the pipes. English, Irish and even Indian regiments have caught the "pipe craze," until now it is estimated that 10,000 pipes are playing "Johnny Cope" every morning in Britain, at sea or in France and the demand for the instrument exceeds the supply. The instruments cost from \$25 to \$45.

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Message Meagerly Telling of Horror Calls for Help.

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Months of Persecution. Kurds and Turks have been persecuting the Armenian residents of these localities for several months. Many have been killed while large numbers have been driven away as slaves. The city of Van has normally 30,000 inhabitants. It is the seat of an important American mission and the missionaries have taken an active part in the protection of Armenians from Turkish and Kurdish attacks.

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KING OF GREECE WORSE

Temperature of Stricken Ruler Mounts to 102 Degrees.

London, May 17.—The Greek legation here has received a bulletin from Athens reading:

"Yesterday evening the feverish condition of King Constantine increased. His temperature registered 102 degrees Fahrenheit; his pulse was 112, and his respiration 22."

The king of Greece has been ill for more than a week. A recent dispatch said his cold has turned to pleurisy.

A TRENCH INCIDENT. Berlin, May 17.—Contrary to the general opinion, there is no animosity between the men of the opposing armies. Once the men in a German trench received a quantity of sausage, and the French, intrenched thirty yards away, heard the shouts of joy. One Frenchman who understood German caught the magic word "wurst." Shortly after a five franc piece dropped into the German trench and after the liberation the Germans threw back a two franc piece. Then the Germans cut off 3 francs' worth of sausage and hurled it toward the French trench but it fell short.

For a time the situation was critical until the kaiser's men solved it by holding the butts of their rifles into the air, while a Frenchman crawled out to rescue the sausage.

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Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott.

CUT GERMAN LINE

Sir John French Reports Teutons Forced Back a Mile.

British War Observers See Real Break at LaBassée.

London, May 17.—Field Marshal Sir John French has broken his silence in regard to the movement of the British army northwest of La Bassée with the announcement of an advance of nearly a mile into the German line. This, with the continuance of the

French thrusts both north of Ypres and southwest of La Bassée, constitutes the outstanding feature of the military situation today.

Military commentators here regarded the British advance as a genuine break in the German line which, if maintained, must mean a retreat for a considerable section of the Teutonic forces.

Recapture Bridge Over Yser. Recapture of the bridge over the Yser canal at Steenstrate by the French deprives the Germans of their last connection with the west side of the waterway. German assaults on (Continued on Page 4.)

BEER WAS PLENTIFUL

Women Testify Regarding Free "Suds" at Kansas City, Kan.

Kansas City, May 17.—Mrs. Mary Allen of Armourdale, was the first witness today in the Kansas City, Kan., election investigation. According to Mrs. Nellie Colgan, who testified last week, Mrs. Allen was with her when a man offered them a card on which was written an order for a keg of beer to be delivered to her.

Mrs. Allen said she had talked with Mrs. Colgan since the latter's testimony. The patrolman who is alleged to have directed voters to a free beer party on election day probably will testify today.

Governor Capper will not come to Kansas City, Kan., until towards the close of the hearing, it was announced.

KARLSRUHE NOT IN PORT

Report That German Ship Sought Haven Officially Denied.

Washington, May 17.—Reports that the German cruiser Karlsruhe had arrived at Norfolk or was putting through the cape, were definitely denied in a telegram received here from Norfolk, at 11:38 a. m. today.

No details were given, but it was believed the case was one of mistaken identity, a three stacker having been reported off Old Point Comfort which was supposed to be the German craft. The Karlsruhe is a four stacker.

BASEBALL TODAY. NATIONAL LEAGUE. At Boston—Pittsburg, postponed; wet grounds. At Brooklyn—Cincinnati, game postponed; wet grounds. At New York—Chicago, game postponed; wet grounds.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. At Cleveland—Boston, postponed; wet grounds. At Detroit—New York, game called off; cold. At Pittsburgh—Newark, game postponed; cold.

HALF MILLION
READY FOR WAR

United States in Good Shape in Case Call Is Made.

Chief of Staff Has Been Preparing for an Emergency.

WAR SUPPLIES ARE PLENTIFUL

Manufacture for Other Nations Has Aided U. S.

Thousands of Motor Cars—Medical Aid Awaits.

Washington, May 17.—In case the United States should suddenly become involved in the European war, an army of 500,000 men could be raised and equipped within one month and would be ripe for battle within a few months thereafter. Secretary of War Garrison and Chief of Staff Hugh L. Scott since the European trouble began have been quietly preparing for any emergency. Plans for speedy mobilization have been made. The government is in touch with establishments which could supply every necessity of an army of a half million within a month. The men could not be mobilized before their supplies would be ready for them.

National Guard Strength. The national guard of the various states, figured on paper at 331,000 men, would probably yield about half that number in valuable fighting troops. From the colleges and schools where military service is required it is believed that the government could (Continued on Page Four.)

SKULL IS CRUSHED

Joe Mix, a Painter, Is Killed Instantly This Morning.

When a Scaffold in North Topeka Drops on His Head.

Joe Mix, 24 years old, was instantly killed at 9:30 o'clock this morning when the scaffold at the Ocean Mills in North Topeka fell four stories and crushed his skull. Mix was a painter in the employ of McCaslin, Switzer and Allen and had been engaged in that work here for four years or more.

Several workmen were lifting a scaffold on the mill and Mix was under it. He was warned, it is said, of the danger and told to come out from under, but it appears he paid no attention to the warning. There were four ropes fastened to the scaffold and three were up. The fourth broke and the scaffold, which weighed 12 pounds, fell on Mix, killing him instantly. His body was taken to the Shellbarger undertaking rooms.

Mix was unmarried. His parents reside at Newton. He roomed at 618 Quincy street.

MEMORIAL DAY. PROCLAMATION. State of Kansas, Governor's Office.

It is now fifty years since the close of the Civil war—the greatest war in history that is not fought because it was fought, not for aggression, revenge, nor to perpetuate the reign of a family, but to preserve a nation's life.

The world is engaged at this time, in the most stupendous and most destructive and most indefensible war of all time. Contrasting the great progress made by the nations of Europe during the last forty years with their present state—a full of death, destruction and danger to their future, we see the glory and value of peace.

No war is justifiable that is not fought either to preserve a nation's life or to give freedom to a people. The war of the Union was fought for both these ends. It was not fought to retire to their families and to peaceful civil life, because they were a citizen soldiery fighting only to preserve their country and their home. The Union soldier would not endanger nor destroy the thing he had fought to save. The prejudices of the country were blotted out, and the passions of war were hushed in a national peace never to be broken. National unity came out of national disunion. From the patriotic valor of a free people, we are now one for evermore.

The honor for all this belongs to those who fell and those now here, who wore the blue. May we never forget the sacrifices they made, nor ever fail to commemorate their work in the customary exercises on Memorial Day.

Coming on Sunday this year, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 31, and I trust that all the people of our state will cease from their usual occupations on that day, and meet together to honor the life of the Union soldiers, both alive and dead, by proper services and ceremonies.

Now, therefore, I, Arthur Capper, governor of the state of Kansas, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 31, as Memorial Day.

I would also ask that at 12 o'clock noon, on that day, all flags may be placed at half mast, that bells may toll, and that all activities may cease, and that all persons may offer a silent prayer for peace from war.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Kansas.

Done at Topeka, Kansas, this 17th day of May, A. D. 1915.

ARTHUR CAPPER, Governor.

Atest: J. T. BOTKIN, Secretary of State.